



PATENT  
Docket No.: D/A0941 (1508/3320)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants	:	Rui M. Amorim et al.	)	Examiner:
			)	Benjamin A. Ailes
Serial No.	:	09/939,937	)	
			)	Art Unit:
Cnfrm. No.	:	8656	)	2142
			)	
Filed	:	August 27, 2001	)	Date:
			)	October 13, 2005
For	:	SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR	)	
		PROVIDING NETWORK ACCESS	)	
			)	

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Customer Service Window, Mail Stop **Amendment**  
Randolph Building  
401 Dulany Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on August 16, 2005, Applicants hereby elect, **with traverse**, the invention of Group I which includes claims 1-18.

Applicants traverse the restriction requirement at least on the basis that the claims of the present application require common areas of search and consideration. Since no serious burden exists for search and examination of the groups defined in the outstanding office action, no benefit is derived from imposing restriction among Groups and Species.

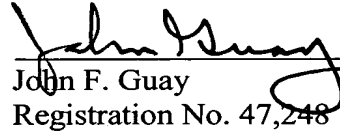
Furthermore, the reasons provided in the Restriction Requirement, "invention I has separate utility such as monitoring a plurality of communication channels for one or more link pulses for one of the devices and establishing a connection to the device with the communication channel monitored to have the link pulses" (page 2, lines 3-6 of section 3), does not appear to recite a separate utility from what is recited in, for example, claim 1. Moreover, claims 13-18 are directed to a system and not a method as characterized in the Office Action.

For at least these reasons, the restriction requirement is believed improper and should be withdrawn.

In view of all of the foregoing, Applicants submit that all pending claims 1-30 should be examined in this application. Favorable reconsideration and allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: October 13, 2005

  
John F. Guay  
Registration No. 47,248

NIXON PEABODY LLP  
c/o Gunnar G. Leinberg  
Clinton Square, P.O. Box 31051  
Rochester, New York 14603-1051  
Telephone: (585) 263-1014  
Facsimile: (585) 263-1600